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Hayabusa
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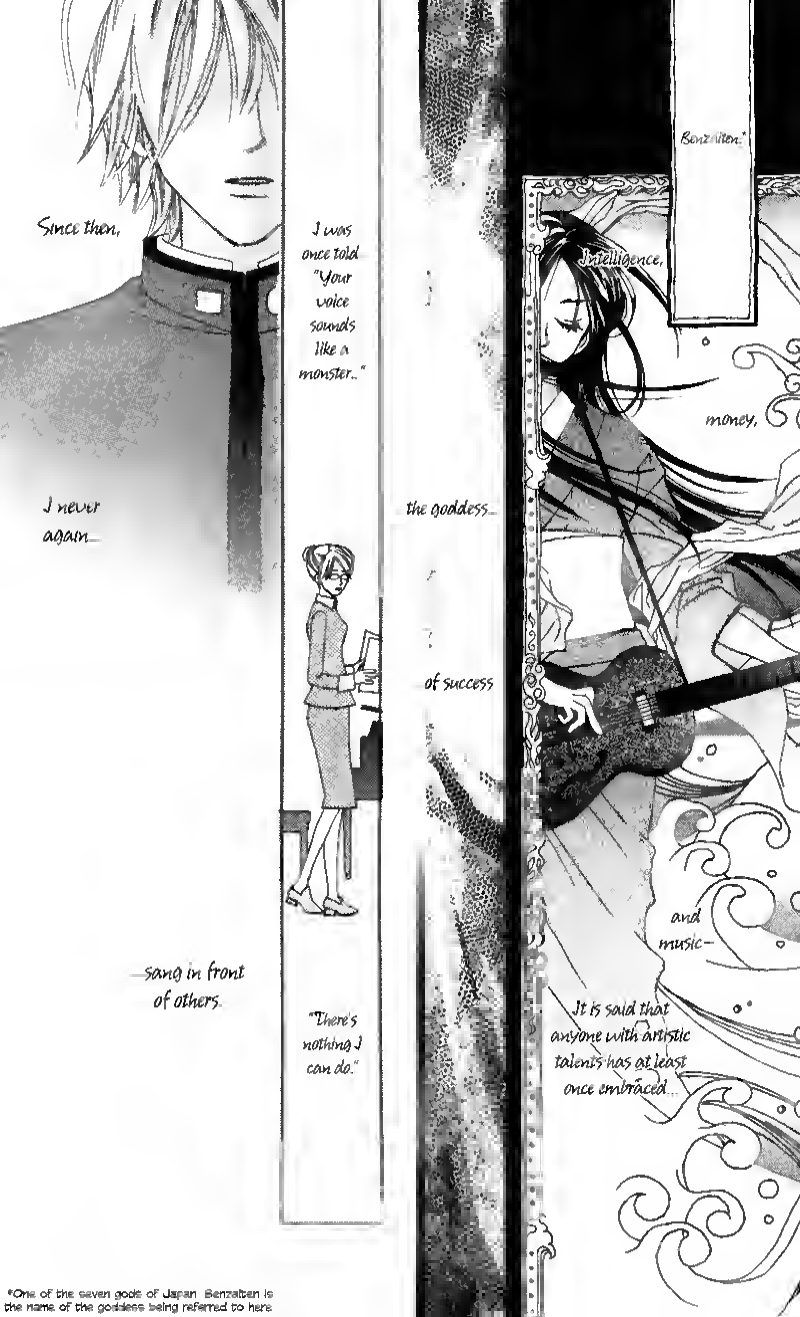
1st Stage



*One of the seven gods of Japan. Benzaiten is the name of the goddess being referred to here.

One Morning
"GIVE ME WINGS!"
NOW THEN, TODAY'S SONG LIST—
"OLD CHURCH BELL,"
"SO MUCH, SO MUCH,"
IF IT'S HERE,
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYONE AROUND
HEY!
!

JUST NOW...
THE ONE WHO WAS SINGING...
WAS IT YOU?
Oh, no!
Someone heard me!
WAIT!
I'VE FINALLY ... FOUND IT!

I'M FIRST-YEAR, CLASS ONE 5 HIMENO TOMONORI
FIRST-YEAR, CLASS THREE 5, KAWACHI
AND YOU?
SHUN
EH!
WHY SING SOMEWHERE BY YOURSELF?
HUH?
I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED FOR MEMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE, SO I COMPLETELY OVERLOOKED YOU!
HUH?
GREAT SHUN
LET'S FORM A BAND!

EH,
AH
VIBRA-TO
IT'S THE WEAPON OF THE LEAD SINGER!
YOUR VOICE HAS A VIBRATO
NOT MANY PEOPLE HAVE THAT!
THE SOUND MAKES LISTEN-ERS FEEL COM-FORTABLE!
ARE YOU MOCKING ME?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!

Damn it!
I'LL WAIT FOR YOUR RESPONSE!
I'LL WAIT...
Is my voice so bad that it had to be mocked like that?
The campus won't do anymore. I'll have to find some other place.
Last month I was kicked off the roof by the janitor.
the back of the campus isn't an option anymore.
and I don't have the money for Karaoke.
—IN THE WINTER,
NO ONE SHOULD BE HERE
—THERE AREN'T ANY
FALCONS,* EITHER.

*Hayabusa is the romanized name for the Peregrine falcon.

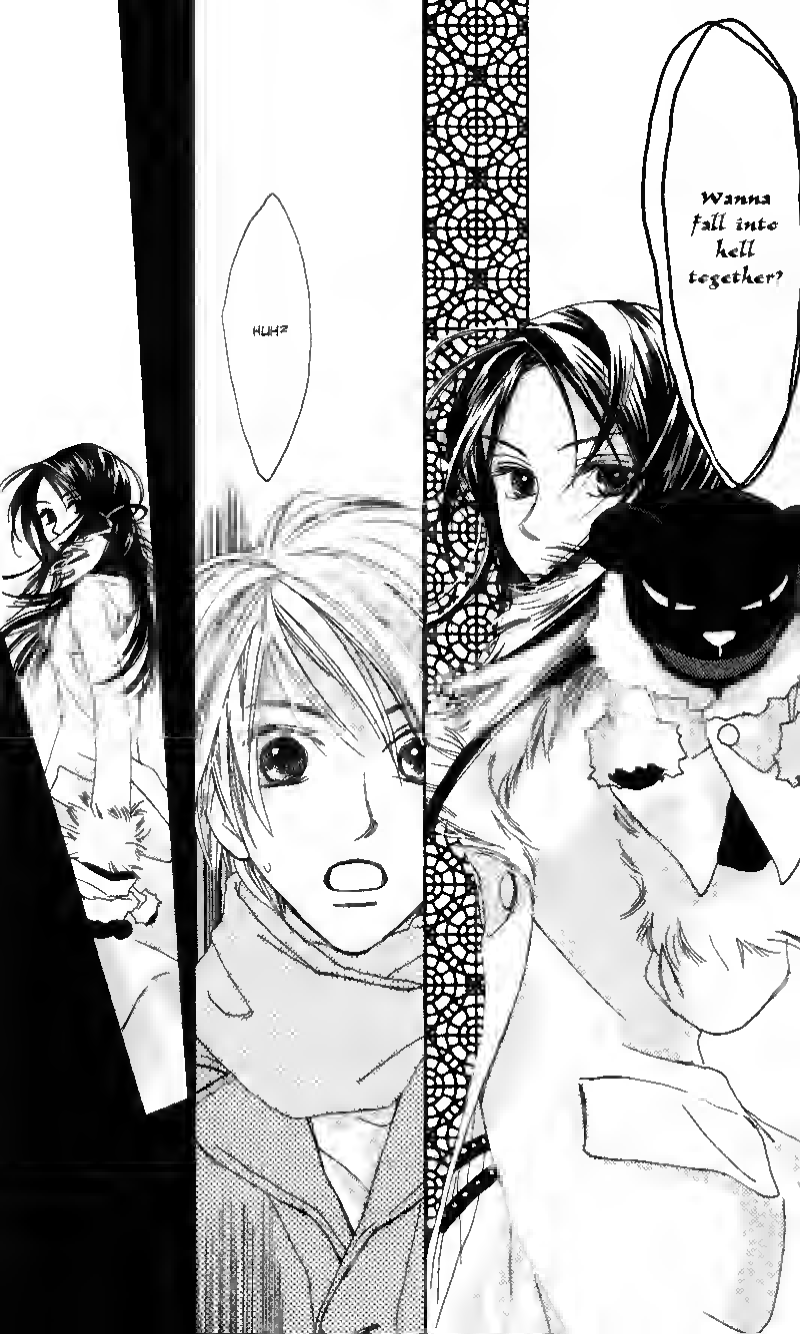
*Here, free falling has a connotation of falling into hell, as in fallen angels.

so Azusa made it herself
Earphones
Because no matter how she looks, she still can't find it.
THAT BEAR...
What a freakish look...
My voice wasn't heard?
...IS IT A POPULAR ITEM RIGHT NOW?
What's it called?
This song
This is always being aired...
...NAME IS AZUSA?
and on radios.
On television...
YOUR...
Rock and Roll

I'M TRYING TO FIND ONE THEY SEEM TO BE ATTRACTED TO SPACIOUS PLACES LIKE THIS
HAVE YOU SEEN ONE?
... Haya-buza a raptor
The bird of prey Peregrine falcon. Classified as type two for extinction.
I'M
MY NAME IS SHUN. YOU WRITE IT LIKE THIS.
There's nothing like that here
The weak are destined to be extinct once their environment is destroyed
PEREGRINE FALCONS ARE THE STRONGEST TYPE OF FALCONS!
I HEARD THEY EVEN NEST IN THE HIGHEST BUILDINGS OF THE CITY
SO,
THERE HAS TO BE SOME!
SO...

...LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE
Because she's not interested in this world.
Saying anything to this girl is useless.
By tomorrow, she'll have entirely forgotten your appearance, even though you're right in front of her.
Good-bye.
HOLD ON!
kiss

I LIKE YOU!
I'VE
FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU


Wanna fall into hell together?
HUH?

Hayabusa

This is my first time meeting you all. Hey, everyone, my name is Aya Roppongi. This is my first time writing a story with a band. It's fresh and passionate. Even though I'm a mangaka, it doesn't mean that I don't have the kind of excitement that can make my head spin. But, like last time, I placed a lot of little things I like in here, so I feel very happy about it.

This time, the most unforgettable event I've had is the discussion between me and my editor. He patiently sat through my stupidity, and for that, I appreciate him a lot. The suggestions I made when I was too high (not on drugs) gave me some soothing, but they've also become very fond memories now. That was a page in my youth, so please treasure it in your hearts as well.

The falcon in the title is in honor of Omazu. I just love Japanese paintings. Please do check out which picture it came from. The real picture has an eagle on it.

Destined for extinction.

To feel like your existence has been denied.
♪
...IS LION'S DEBUT SONG.
It's
the song she was listening to

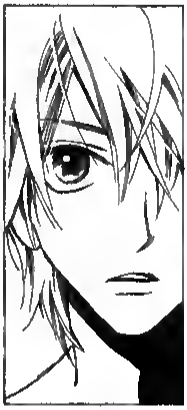
HIS VOICE GOT DROWNED FROM ALL THE NOISE
THE MAIN SINGER'S BARITONE VOICE SUCKS.
IF HE'S A GUY, HE SHOULD BE BETTER THAN THAT!
AND THE BASS...
I COULD DO BETTER
...YOU ALONE?
WANNA HAVE SOME FUN?

DO YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?
NO THANKS I'M BROKE
THEN, IT'S MY TREAT
THE KARAOKE BAR OR THE ARCADE,
OR WE COULD GO OUT TO EAT
SL
AP
WAH!
THAT HURTS! JEEZ,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
Even this bastard...
wants to...
Even this bastard...
...does he exist...?

HEAR THAT?!
IT'S A GUY'S VOICE!
NO...
I KNEW THAT.

RUN!
WHY...?
I'M I'M SORRY!
I DIDN'T WANT TO RUN DRAGGING A GUY THROUGH THE STREETS!
PLUS, THAT SUCKED! THAT WAS A NURSERY SONG!
ROCK AND ROLL MEANS ROARING! SHOUTING!
AND PASSION!
SHOU—
SHOUT-ING?
BUT

Kawachi Shun

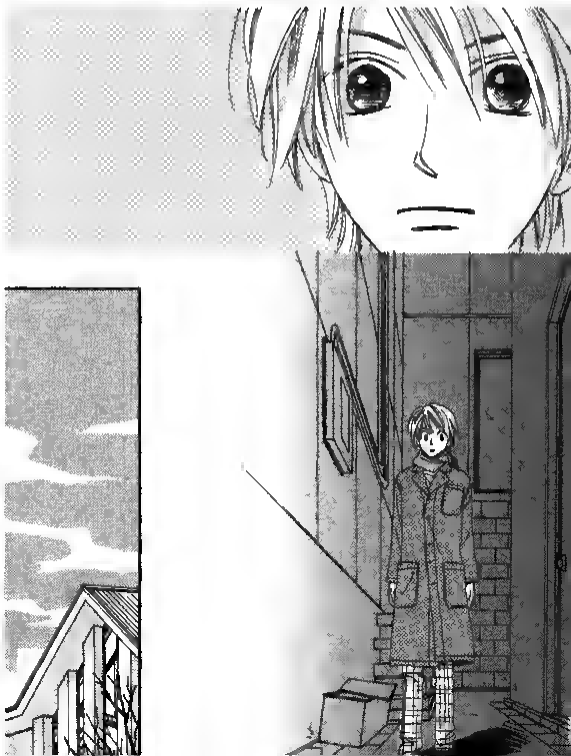


Cancer sign
O type

He's actually a book addict. Just can't pass by a book without reading it. Is scared of loneliness. The worst type of man.

Oh my!

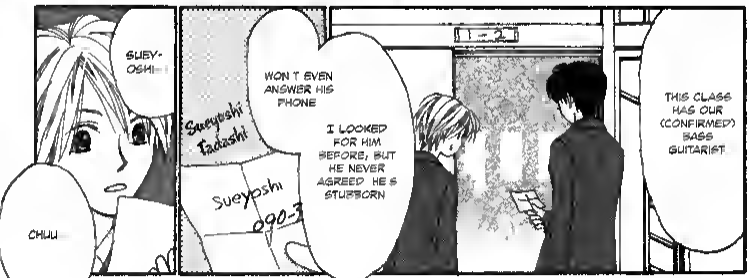
Since I'm the type that can't stand this type of person, I keep on wanting to set his schedule for him beforehand. Because this personality is like a kind of illness, I really hope he can recover. But, the type I like lately is the missing father. I really look up to that life style which really stands out amidst the crowd. I hope I can reincarnate into that kind of man.



HIME!
HIME OR WHATEVER ...
YOU HERE?
IT'S HIMENO
MY VOICE...
IS IT REALLY OF ANY USE?
COURSE
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHER MEMBERS NOW.

IN THREE YEARS,
WE'LL BE CROWNED AT THE TOP OF THE ORICON CHART!
NO MEMBERS?
I WANT TO CALL THEM THAT BUT THEY HAVEN'T AGREED YET
FIRST OFF WE HAVE TO GET READY FOR THE DAY OF THE CONCERT
MM. DON'T WORRY IT'S NOTHING
AND THEN,
CD
FIRST, WE PRODUCE AN ALBUM THROUGH INDIE COMPANIES
AND WHEN WE GET AN INSTRUMENTAL CREW, WE CAN DEBUT WITH A MAJOR LABEL

So, I got dumped after all, huh?



TADASHI.
GOT IT?
WHAT'S UP?
What?
HIMENO!
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY!
I'LL SAY THIS AS MANY TIMES AS I WANT!
YOU'RE THE BEST BASS GUITARIST THERE IS WITHIN THIS CAMPUS!
BUT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING YOUR BAND!
Yesterday he tried to hit on me at the bus stop!
FORGET ABOUT IT!
Hmph
WHAT? YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?

YOU NEED TO GET RID OF YOUR HABIT OF QUITTING JUST 'CAUSE OF ONE SUCKY MEMBER IN THE BAND
IF YOU'RE SO DAMN PICKY, WHO'S GONNA WANT YOU IN THE END?
AT LEAST, I'M BETTER THAN THAT DAMN PICKY GUITARIST WHO WON'T JOIN ANY BAND!
MOST IMPORTANTLY, A BAND WITHOUT A LEAD SINGER HAS NO 'PERSUASION' WOULD ANYONE WANT TO JOIN YOU? NO!
ME!
Because you've come and go
Not on good terms
That was for emphasis!

YOU...
...AS THE LEAD SINGER?
ARE YOU MOVED?
YOU AGREE, DON'T YOU?
SEEING AS YOU'VE HEARD SHUN SING BEFORE, CAN YOU NOT SENSE THE UNPOLISHED WEAPON?
HEH!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
OH, SORRY!
KON
PERFECT TIMING. I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOU
COULD YOU MOVE, PLEASE?
CLASS THREE'S KAWACHI-KUN!
I KNOW.
Hello!
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU. THIS IS...
...HAS BEEN FOUND!
SO THE LEAD VOCAL...
HE PLAYS THE DRUMS.
HE'S A FREAK WHO OBVIOUSLY LIKES ROCK AND ROLL BUT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE PERFORMING!
THAT AGAIN?! STOP TRYING TO CONVINCE ME!
GREAT OBSERVATION.
SHUN,
THIS IS CLASS FIVE'S KON YUKIHITO

BLACKMAIL, IT IS
TH-THAT'S BLACKMAIL
IF IT WAS A LIVE HOUSE, YOU COULD PLAY TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
AREN'T YOUR NEIGHBORS COMPLAINING?
THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT TO HARASSING YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN YOU INDULGE IN YOUR HOBBY AT HOME, SHOULDN'T THERE?
IT TAKES TALENT TO PLAY THE DRUMS. NOT EVERYONE CAN DO IT
WHY NOT EXPRESS YOUR TALENTS IN FRONT OF OTHERS?
D-DON'T GO AROUND INVESTIGATING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES!
DON'T YOUR PARENTS STOP YOU, TOO?
IN ORDER TO ATTRACT BENTEN,
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
YOU
I DON'T CARE!
TO FAIL AT THAT TYPE OF PLACE WILL SUCK.
AN EMPTY BOTTLE OR BEER BOTTLE COULD FLY AT YOU ANYTIME, RIGHT?
IT'S HORRIBLE!
HUH, REALLY?!
THAT'S SCARY!
IF IT WERE ME, I'D THROW AN UNOPENED BOTTLE IF THEY SUCKED TOO MUCH.
YOU CAN SAY THAT NOW, BUT DON'T YOU THINK A CROWD WOULD COME ONCE YOU START PERFORMING?
THEY'LL COME...
I'VE FOUND BANDS THAT WILL ATTRACT THOSE AUDIENCES
WE'RE NOT SIMPLY PLAYING AROUND NOR ARE TALKING FOR THE HELL OF IT.
WE NEED THE RIGHT BAND MEMBERS.

*Short for Benzaiten

That's impossible!
DO YOU NOT KNOW BENTEN?
It's a person!
Hmm?
BETWEEN THE BANDS, SHE'S REALLY POPULAR!
TH-THAT'S A GOD!
WHAT A HORRIFYING THOUGHT!
IF WE'RE AIMING TO BECOME OFFICIAL, THAT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO...
Hmm...
BENZAITEN!
SIMPLY PUT,
SHE'S A GIRL THAT VISITS LIVE HOUSES*
BUT HAS NEVER SAT THROUGH A COMPLETE SONG BEFORE
THOSE BANDS PROBABLY DIDN'T LAST FOR LONG BEFORE THEY DISBANDED...
AS TIME WENT ON, WORD GOT AROUND THAT BANDS THAT COULD KEEP HER THERE WOULD RECEIVE WIDE ACCLAIM...
SO HER NICKNAME BECAME...
...LIVE HOUSES BENZAITEN

*Places in Tokyo where unknown bands play live

LION
LION!
THE REASON FOR THESE RUMORS IS BECAUSE BENTEN IS THE DAUGHTER OF LION'S GENIUS VOCAL KASHIWAGI, RIGHT...?
Like-minded atmosphere
KASHIWAGI PASSED AWAY TOO SOON!
ONLY ONE CD CAME OUT!
THERE'S ONE PIECE THAT RAISED A STORM. EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE LION DISBANDED, IT STILL HASN'T LOST ITS VIBE!
EVERY BAND IS AFFECTED BY LION—
NO WONDER SHE HAS SUCH STINGY TASTE...
BENTEN GREW UP BY KASHIWAGI'S SIDE
WHAT? YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE CD?
I DON'T EVEN HAVE A CD PLAYER...
WHAT ERA ARE YOU LIVING IN?
I ADMIRE THE GUY...
EXACTLY!
...!
Somewhat out of the loop

Other than me, none of you has any experience, right?
Utter newbies at concerts
I don't want to find someone else!
Aren't you overly underesti-mating her?
So, we'll use this formation to stop her steps.
...I don't want to do a concert just to have Kashiwagi's daughter stop by to listen,
and be super picky because of it...
...
Isn't she...
?
...looking, too?
Could it be because she didn't like the sound?
The reason Benten would leave so soon...

...without having anyplace to go to do so.
BUT SHE CAN'T FIND WHAT SHE WANTS TO LISTEN TO...
SHE WANTS TO LISTEN,
It's like how I want to sing...
BUT...
And yet,
I still want to sing.
IF THIS GOES ON,
DON'T BE LIKE THIS...
JUST THIS ONCE IS FINE
UM...
...
?
I'M BEGGING YOU ALL...
?!
I...
I WANT TO TRY.
PLEASE HELP ME!

I'LL...
...BECOME EXTINCT...
GET UP!
IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T WANT TO HELP, BUT I'LL LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY
WHY DO YOU WANT TO TRY SO HARD?
IT'S FOR A GIRL I LIKE...
A GIRL?
...GIRL
SHE'S A BEAUTY
We haven't even held hands!
WHAT? WHAT? IS SHE PRETTY? ARE YOU TWO DATING?
Have you done it?

She's...
"Wanna fall into hell together"
SHE USED HER REAR PUPPET TO SAY ONE SENTENCE
—THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID
I WAS A BIT SCARED
BUT, SHE'S A BIT WEIRD
AFTER I TOLD HER I LIKED HER,
THAT'S BENTEN
THAT'S BENTEN'S NUMBER ONE REJECTION LINE!
YEAH I'D THINK SO!
SHE USED A CREEPY PUPPET TO SAY, "WANNA FALL INTO HELL WITH ME?!"
Local inhabitant
HER HOME IS ON THE BEACH
BUT, I MET HER ON THE BEACH —
HUH?
...Benten?
...
YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT?

NO WONDER YOU GOT DUMPED
Don't be rude!
A LOT OF BANDS FORM FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF IMITATING KASHIWAGI FROM LION~
SO THAT MIGHT BE WHY SHE KEEPS TO HERSELF MORE?
SHE PROBABLY HAS THAT POLICY TO DRIVE PEOPLE AWAY!
IT'S THE SAME THING AS SAYING, "DON'T APPROACH ME."
EVEN SO,
I STILL LIKE HER.
JUST DISAPPEARING WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING
I HATE THAT!
I STILL WANT TO SEE HER
AND HOPE THAT SHE WOULD TURN MY WAY

"Forget about it. She's not the type of girl that can carry on a normal conversation!"
Though Chiwa said that I still
My name's Takeshi
SHE'S CLASS SIX'S KASHIWAGI AZUSA
NO NEED
THAT'S RIGHT! AS LONG AS I GO TO LIVE HOUSE, I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HER!
Great
1-6
KASHIWAGI? IS SHE HERE TODAY?
YEAH. LOOK.
THERE
OH, SHE'S HERE
SHE'S ALMOST NONEXISTENT

I'VE JOINED A BAND!
So, what of that beginning?
It's just a copy of the accomplished, right?
Empty.
shallow.
unable to pierce the heart.
unable to deliver..
...without an echo.
Merely noise.
...Lion...

I
WAS KICKED OUT OF THE CHOIR GROUP IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...
I FEEL THAT CONTINUING ON LIKE THIS WILL MAKE ME EXTINCT...
MY TEACHER SAID THAT...
MY VOICE...
...IS THE SAME AS THAT OF A MONSTER'S
EVEN SO
I STILL WANTED TO SING SO I WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A PLACE WHERE NO ONE WOULD HEAR ME
BUT, NO MATTER WHERE I SANG THE WIND SUCKED IN MY VOICE...
AND LEFT NO RESPONSE
AS IF I'M THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH.
EVEN RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW
IT'S AS IF I DON'T EXIST
BUT...

I DON'T NEED OTHERS TO LECTURE ME!
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD ALSO
YOU MADE THAT BEAR BY YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU COULDN'T FIND ONE, AND SO YOU MADE IT? RIGHT?
THERE HAS TO BE A PLACE WHERE I CAN LIVE,
AND I'LL KEEP SEARCHING...
DON'T COME NEAR ME ANYMORE!
I WON'T BE FALLING INTO HELL BECAUSE OF THIS.
..UNTIL I FIND IT!
THEN,
IF I SING, YOU HAVE TO COME LISTEN!
TOMORROW!
AT NOON...
BY THAT BEACH.

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU
Azusa why won't that kid just give up?
HE'S THE SAME AS THE OTHER GUYS, ANYWAY!
JUST BEING ARROGANT!
THEY DO EXIST
An eagle?
No,
It's smaller
YES,
IT'S HAYA
SUGA

TOMORROW?
RUN AWAY, THEN!
I NEVER AGREED!
Sorry sorry!
HURRY AND TAKE IT BACK~!
GIVE ME WINGS
FROM THAT STANDPOINT, WE STILL CAN'T WIN. THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE...
SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF OUR OWN, WE CAN PERFORM LION'S OLD SONG, EH?
WHAT ABOUT LYRICS?
Ahi
I...
DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND ROCK AND ROLL MUCH

!
YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS RIGHT?
What?
THAT'S NOT ROCK
AND I'LL CHANGE THE LYRICS AROUND
GIVE ME ONE NIGHT
WE'LL PRACTICE IN THE MORNING SINCE THE ACTUAL EVENT IS IN THE AFTERNOON
IT'LL WORK OUT
PRACTICE IN THE MORNING?
KON
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT WE'LL FIND SOMEONE ELSE
I CAN'T HANDLE IT?
KAWACHI KUN
IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC CONTEST, YOU ENTERED AS PART OF MIDORI MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CHOIR?
HUH,
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

I ENTERED, BUT I WAS ONLY ONE OUT OF THE MANY IN THE CHOIR
It's the past I wanted to wipe out of my memory!
I WAS FROM EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE BRASS BAND COMPETED THAT DAY TOO
I REMEMBER,
YOUR VOICE STOOD OUT THE MOST
I knew it
—AT TIMES, YOUR VOICE BECAME CACOPHONOUS
NO MATTER HOW YOU LISTENED IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE CHORAL MUSIC
ONLY KAWACHI KUN'S VOICE ESPECIALLY SHONE
WHILE EVERYONE FOLLOWED THE MUSIC IN THEIR HANDS SINGING HARMONIOUSLY
—AND THE PEOPLE WHO SAW THAT LAUGHED
BUT ANY WAY YOU WERE STILL WORKING HARD—
BUT I—
—THOUGHT YOUR VOICE WAS BEAUTIFUL

HAVING BENTEN AS AN OPPONENT ISN'T BAD
I HOPE WE CAN HELP KAWACHI-KUN!
AND THE GUITARIST
DRUMMER IS KON
—IS ME,
H MENO
LEAD VOCAL IS SHUN
BASS GUITARIST IS
SUE YOSHI

TODAY IS—
FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH
THE DAY OF LION'S MAJOR DEBUT
NOW WE WAIT FOR BENTEN'S ADVENT
NO CUSTOMERS HERE
EVERYTHING'S READY
NOW WE CAN BEGIN OUR LIVE CONCERT

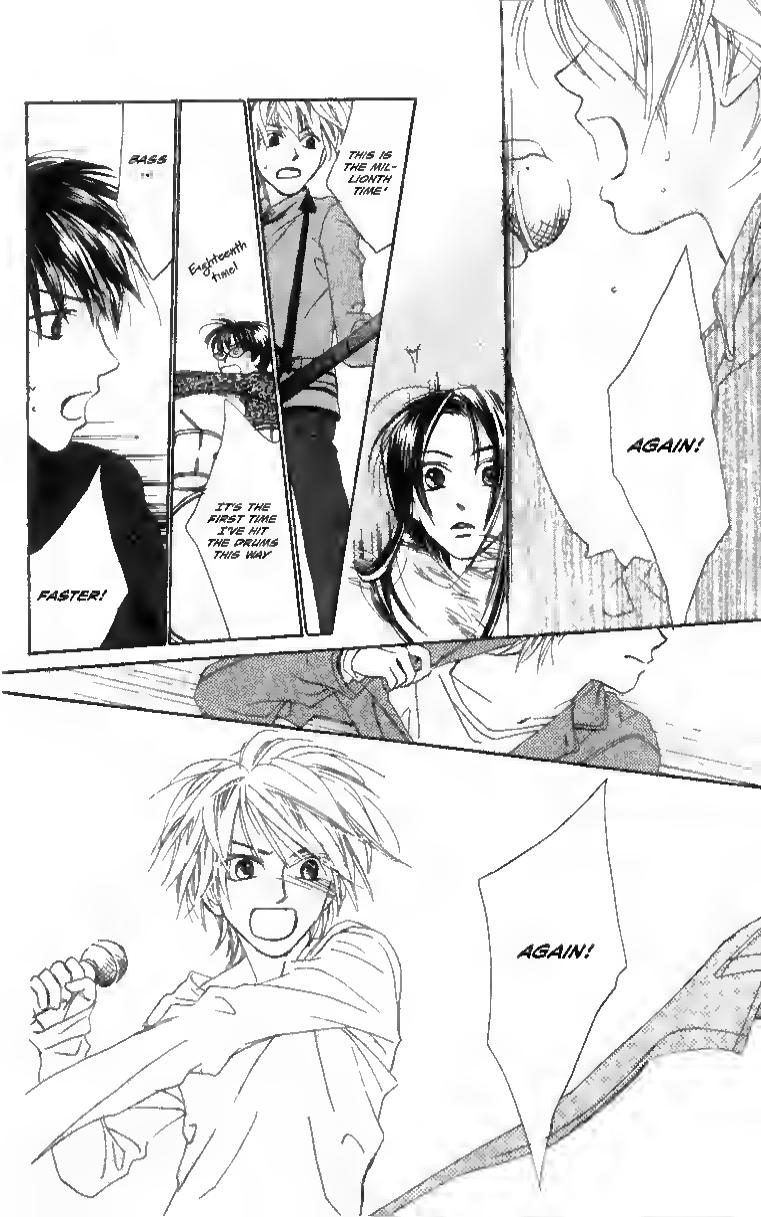
Begin!
LET'S TREAT THIS AS A CONCERT FOR KACHIWAGI'S PASSING!

STOP SINGING WITH A FAKE VOICE—!
IT'S FINE. IT'S JUST THE FIRST TIME!
Is your heart even in this?!
SORRY, I COULDN'T CATCH ONTO THE BEAT
SMASH SMASH
WATCH ME!
DON'T DEPEND ON THAT HALF ASSED GUITARIST
I'LL GIVE YOU THE CUE
WATCH ME
PLUS, I'M THE SUPPORTING BEAM OF THIS BAND
IN SUCH A CASE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO WATCH THE DRUMMER.
THEN, JUST YELL START—!
I JUST WANTED TO TRY SAYING THAT
Eh—
YOU? HA! BEAM?

START!
POW
BUT,
WE STILL CAN'T SHAKE OFF THAT SHADOW OF SINGING A NURSERY SONG
INCREASE THE BASS'S TEMPO
Let him try crying out
YOU'RE PASSIONATE HUH, HIMENO?
NATURALLY

...Ah?
GIVE ME WINGS...
IS IT NOT?
So simple...
why did you come to such a place?
Azusa.
It's pointless to hope!
many times.
Just come.

Like I've fallen somewhere deep inside the earth
Anxiety pattern
Despair density
Anxiety pattern
Despair density
Despair density...
Clearly, I'm searching
Clearly, I wanted to try liking it
Clearly, I want to be drunk in it
Yet I can't find what I want.
LION


BASS
Eighteenth time!
THIS IS THE MILLIONTH TIME!
AGAIN!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HIT THE DRUMS THIS WAY
FASTER!
AGAIN!

I still can't stop searching.
ONE MORE TIME!
I wanted to sing
But there wasn't a place
Even so,
Want to go back?
How about now, Azusa?
He's gliding

They've been sent
The melody
The beat
to support me from behind
As long as I do this, it'll be fine

I step forward, it'll be all right
As long as.
IT DIDN'T FALL.
DOWN ?
IT SOARED HIGH!

!
SCREECH

SHUN?
HEY, HANG IN THERE!
PANT
PANT
PANT
HE'S LACKING OXYGEN
C-CALL THE AMBULANCE—!
YOU

WERE YOU LISTENING?
BENTEN
YOU'VE
ALREADY STOPPED?
I'M ALREADY
AT MY LIMIT
NO GOOD

NOT YET!
SING!
SING ART MORE
SING--!

LET ME
HEAR MORE!

I'VE BEEN CAPTIVATED BY YOU
The goddess...
...smiled

May you bloom
into an even prettier
flower this year.
Happy
Birthday,
Lys!

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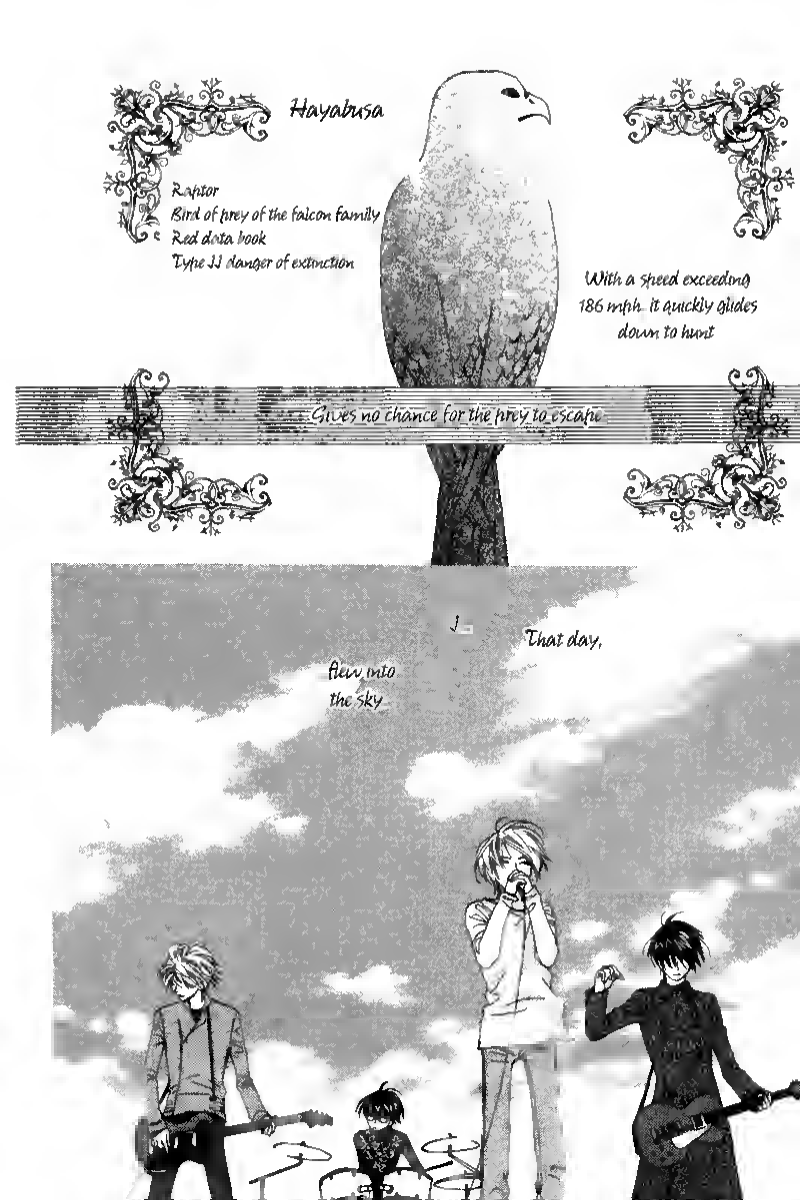
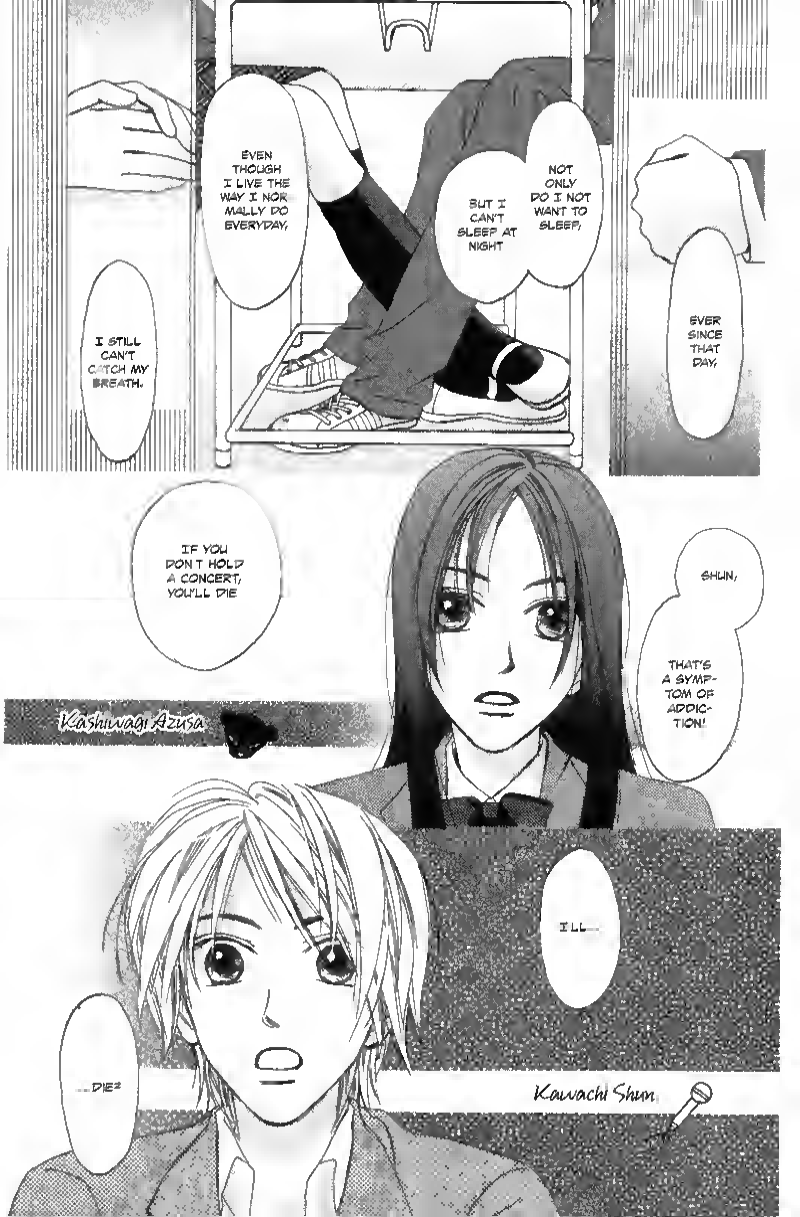
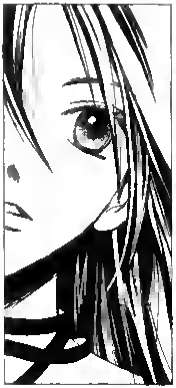

Hayabusa
Raptor
Bird of prey of the falcon family
Red data book
Type II danger of extinction
With a speed exceeding 186 mph it quickly glides down to hunt
Gives no chance for the prey to escape
That day,
I
flew into the sky


I STILL CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH.
EVEN THOUGH I LIVE THE WAY I NORMALLY DO EVERYDAY,
BUT I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT
NOT ONLY DO I NOT WANT TO SLEEP,
EVER SINCE THAT DAY,
IF YOU DON'T HOLD A CONCERT, YOU'LL DIE
Kashiwagi Azusa
SHUN,
THAT'S A SYMPTOM OF ADDICTION!
I'LL...
...DIE?
Kawachi Shun

YOU, THERE!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING? BREAK IS OVER ALREADY.
That's my seat
KASHIWAGI
Why?!
GO BACK TO YOUR OWN CLASSROOM!
YOU'RE ASKING ME WHY...?!
What the heck is that for?!
Who the hell made such a rule?
When?!
THOSE ARE THE RULES, RIGHT?
Where?!

Azusa

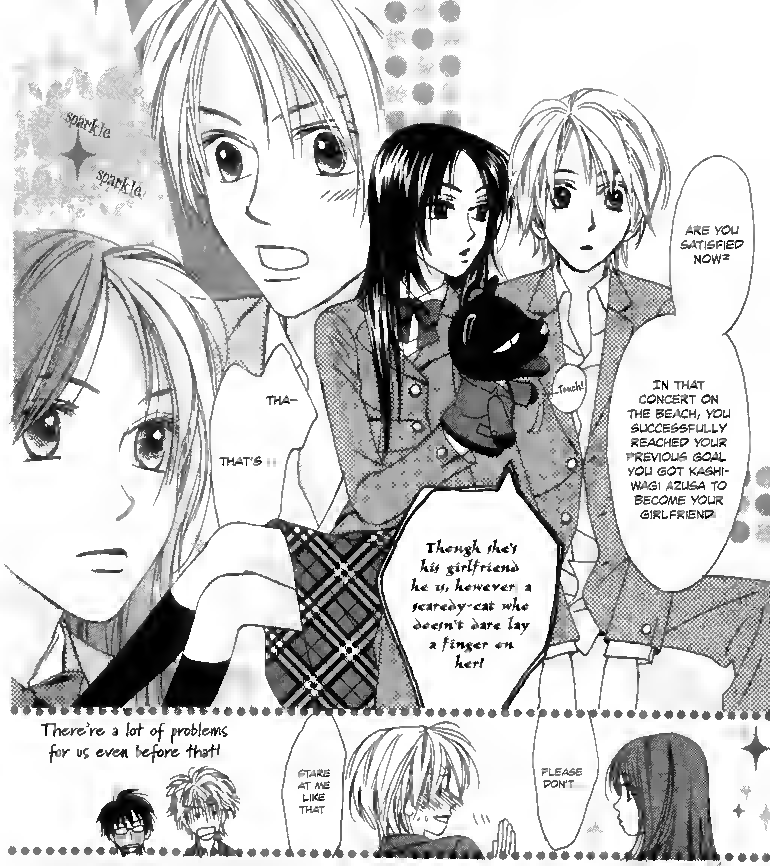


Kashiwagi Azusa
Sagittarius
Blood type A

The never idle Sagittarius. Although her name is based on a tree, she is also named after the god of the waterside, Benzaiten. Of course when she and Shun met, they were at the beach. What she keeps at her side is not the lucky white snake but a black bear, so the earphones might possibly be the "feathered cloth" used by goddesses (or heavenly maidens) to fly...! A character that is thus fun to connect to has come to receive my unprecedented liking. The way she immediately digs into things she likes is just great. However, if she gets too obsessed, there will be danger.

LET'S HAVE ANOTHER "LIVE!"
CHUU AND HIME, YOU BOTH CARRY YOUR INSTRUMENTS WITH YOU, RIGHT?
USING CAMPUS ELECTRICITY IS PROHIBITED
Kon
Kon Yukihito on drums
WHY?!
THERE IS NO WHY THESE ARE SCHOOL RULES
THE MARCHING BAND CAN PERFORM MARCHES, BUT THE ROCK BAND IS NOT ALLOWED TO PERFORM ROCK SONGS!
Chuu
Sueyoshi Tadashi on bass
BRASS BAND!
There's no difference.

KASHIWAGI OF THE LEGENDARY BAND, LION, HAD THAT KIND OF PAST?!
Oh.
HE BROKE THE PIANO ON STAGE DURING THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL
THIS RULE CAME TO BE BECAUSE WHILE MY DAD WAS AT SCHOOL,
EVEN TO THIS DAY, MY MOM IS STILL PAYING THE LOAN THAT WAS TAKEN OUT TO PAY THE COMPENSATION FEES
Hime
Himeno Tomonari on guitar
It's hard enough to have that widowed single-parent family live on with the mere leftovers of the inheritance
It's only a rumor!
THAT'S A ONCE FAMOUS BAND, RIGHT? PAY EVERYTHING OFF WITH ONE HIT!
DID YOU GET ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES?
OR ELSE, I THINK I MIGHT DIE
SOON TO BE EXTINCT...
THEN, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF WE DON'T BREAK ANYTHING, RIGHT?
LET'S DO IT!
PLEASE?!


sparkle
sparkle
THA-
THAT'S !!
Touch!
ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
IN THAT CONCERT ON THE BEACH, YOU SUCCESSFULLY REACHED YOUR PREVIOUS GOAL. YOU GOT KASHIWAGI AZUSA TO BECOME YOUR GIRLFRIEND.
Though she's his girlfriend he is, however a scaredy-cat who doesn't dare lay a finger on her!
There're a lot of problems for us even before that!
STARES AT ME LIKE THAT
PLEASE DON'T

Members
Kawachi Shun for vocal
Hunen* on guitar
Sueyoshi Tadashi on bass
Kon Yukihito on drums
2/15 Reach "live" success
Captured "Boxten" Kashiwagi Azusa
(Shun) Let the band perform on the day of the school festival and greet the guests at the Live House using student communications
Enhancement rehearsal
Use Indies record company to produce an album
Go on tour
Sign a contract with record company
Major debut
Record debut album
Japan Martial Arts Live House
Tokyo Dome
THIS IS OUR FOR MULAIC LAYOUT
SHUN, DON'T WORRY!

MAJOR--
DEBUT...?
SNATCH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SUEYOSHI?!
There's only one of those!
WHY DID YOU LIST ME AS A MEMBER?
I DON'T PLAN TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH YOU!!
WHAT I WANT TO DO— ISN'T TO BE IN ONE OF THOSE STARDOM BANDS—
BUT INSTEAD TO HAVE A GREATER—
MORE EXCITING,
MORE FANTASTIC,
MORE ARTISTIC—

YOU TWO, USE HUMAN LANGUAGE TO TALK!
WHAT ABOUT SSSS DA-DA--DA?
IT'S KAKA KAKA KAKA PLUS DONG DONG DONG-- DONG...
NO.
You mook!
JAKA JAKA JAKA PLUS DONG-DONG-DONG FEELING *
*They're imitating instrumental sounds
SOUNDS LIKE A JOKE
BUT NOW HE WANTS TO DEBUT AS A MAJOR ROCK BAND...
FIRST OF ALL, HIMENO KUN'S FAMILY TRADITIONALLY HAS CLASSICAL MUSICIANS. HE HIMSELF IS GETTING A TOPNOTCH PIANO EDUCATION, RIGHT?
IS THIS JUST FOR PLAY?!
PEOPLE LIKE YOU, WHO ARE OVERCONFIDENT WITH MUSIC, WILL MOST LIKELY JUST GIVE UP AFTER GETTING BORED OF PLAYING WITH ROCK MUSIC
CAN YOU STAND IT? AFTER BEING FED WITH WEIRD HOBBIES AND THEN BE PLAYED AND WASTED...
YOU SEEM TO BE OVER YOUR HEAD SINCE THE FIRST CONCERT, SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE.
!

Hime

Himeno Tomonori on guitar
Virgo
Blood type B

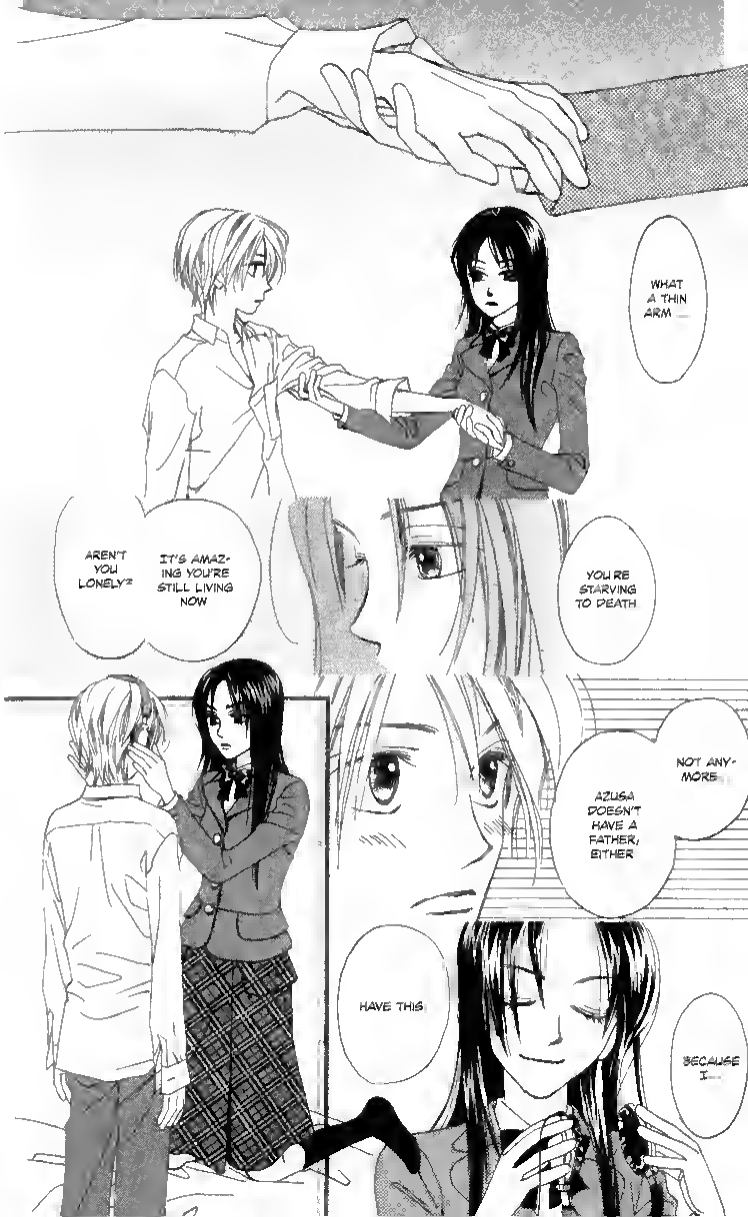
On some level he is a man who does the most suspicious things However his overconfident attitude makes others think he s happy Whether this kind of confidence is too much or just right could he judge it himself? Even though the audience s objective thinking is needed right now who can rightly prove that they re objective ? Hearing this sort of thinking I came to the conclusion that Himeno cannot naturally become a confident person under these circumstances Thinking too much is bad for your body I think that most of the music composed by people with a background in classical music is great

...ARE WE NO LONGER
...HAVING "LIVES?"
SHUN!
flinch
AH...

THEIR MUSIC...
...WHATEVER YOU WANT TO THINK, IT DOESN'T MATTER
...THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF YOUR VOICE...
BUT,
...
BACK TO THE STARTING POINT,
HUH...?

LET'S GO HOME...
...
LET ME SEE SHUN'S HOME!
TELEVI SION...
Broken!
RADIO...
Out of batteries
THERE'S NOTHING HERE...
REALLY?

THERE'S NOTHING THAT MAKES SOUNDS HERE...
YOU LIVE ALONE?
AND YOUR FAMILY?
LAZY ASS!
LAZY ASS!
MY MOM IS DEAD
DAD'S MISSING...
WELL, ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL
HE LIKED TO WANDER AROUND FROM THE BEGINNING SINCE I HAVE A RELATIVE AS MY GUARDIAN, THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH THE LIVING COSTS.
...YOUR MEALS?
HOW DO YOU TAKE CARE OF THAT?
I CAN MAKE THEM!
WHENEVER I FEEL LIKE IT.
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE AN APPETITE NOW, RIGHT?


WHAT A THIN ARM...
YOU'RE STARVING TO DEATH
IT'S AMAZING YOU'RE STILL LIVING NOW
AREN'T YOU LONELY?
NOT ANYMORE...
AZUSA DOESN'T HAVE A FATHER, EITHER
HAVE THIS
BECAUSE I...

The music, Chuu, Kon
and Hime are drunk on
LION
LION
IT'S MY DAD'S VOICE
LISTEN
Rock is...

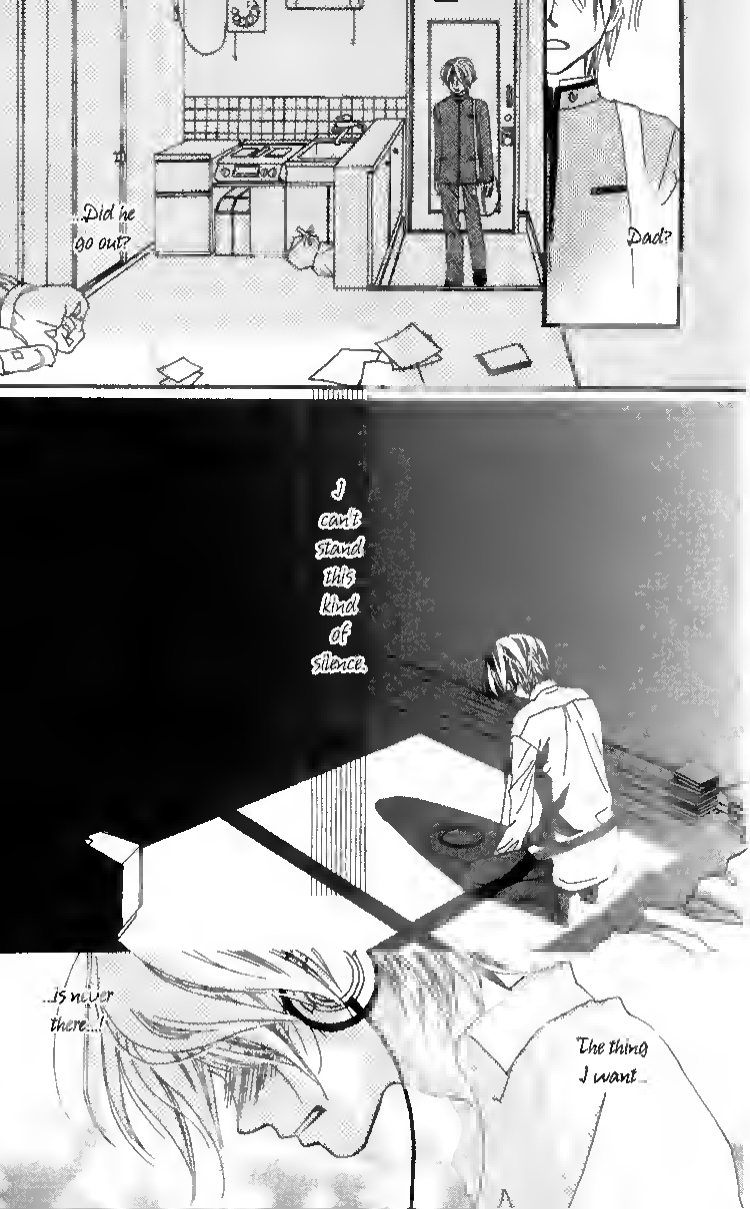
future
MY EARS CAN NEVER LET GO OF THIS SOUND
DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MUSIC TO ME IT WAS PAIN FUL
THE OTHER MUSIC I HEAR

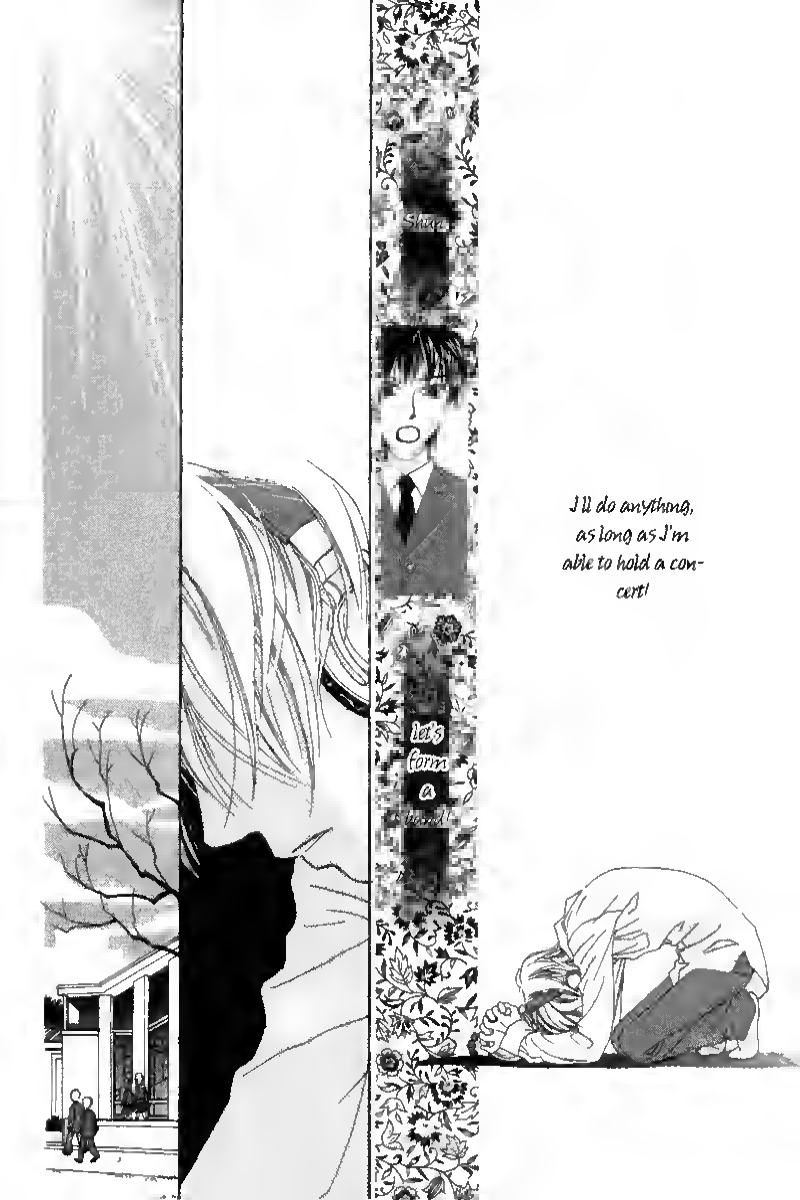
FOR YOU, WHO SAVED ME FROM THAT PLACE,
I WILL DO ANYTHING.

BODY PARTS APART FROM THE EAR ARE CURRENTLY NOT WORKING.
JEEZ!
OH, WELL
SINCE IT'S DAD,
I'LL FORGIVE YOU!
Only for today!
THE BAT-TERY...
BATT
VROOM

See you to-
morrow!
AZUSA...?
si
lence
...
VROOM
klunk
klunk
klunk
VROOM
VROOM
VROOM
klunk
klunk
CLICK
...
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

What I got today is
an unseen principle, a rule, a dream with only words
Because I was useful,
because I was so happy, it went over my head
because I restricted myself
Why should those things become the reasons for


...Did he go out?
Dad?
I can't stand this kind of silence.
...Is never there...!
The thing I want...


Shuuji
Let's form a
I'll do anything, as long as I'm able to hold a concert!

HIME!
HIME!
HIME!
...
CALL ME "HIMENO"
You don't even try to remember, huh!?
I WANT TO SING!
I HAVE TO SING!
WHY ARE YOU PERFORMING THE ROLE OF A SPOILED CHILD TO ME THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE'RE JUST PLAYING AROUND, OR DOING THIS AS A JOKE...
I WANT TO SING FOR EVERYONE TO SEE!
WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE DOESN'T MATTER, EITHER!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PULLED ME INTO THE WORLD OF ROCK MUSIC.
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO SAVE YOU.
WHERE'S CHUU?!
IS HE NOT HERE?
KON?
SHUN?

Clang
MUSIC ROOM
KANDA CHI-KUN?
PANT
PANT
Ah, he's here.
PANT
KON—!
BUT, ABOUT THAT—
YES-TER-DAY, WE
LET'S HAVE A "LIVE."
THE REASONS AREN'T IMPOR-TANT!
BEING A SPOILED CHILD IS FINE, TOO!

NOW? HERE?
NOW.
LION
HUH!
UNDER STOOD!

KASHI WAGI'S SONG
SHOULD BE LOWER IN TUNE, AND WITH MORE AGGRESSION...
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS LION,
STILL...
...seems to be shaking...
Shun's song
As if praying
As if anticipating

SHUN'S -!
MAKE MORE SOUNDS!
MAKE IT LOUDER!
?!
WHAT THE-?
IT'S COMING FROM THE MUSIC ROOM
WHO'S SING-ING?
WHAT SONG IS THIS?
I THINK I'VE HEARD IT SOME-WHERE
Jazz? Rock? Piano accompani-ment?
Can't see-!
Don't push!
IT'S LION.
--THOSE PEOPLE!

MOVE!
AH,
SUE-YO-SHI...
ALL OF YOU!
STOP MESSING AROUND WITH MY LION!
grab

WHERE'S THE POWER PLUG?!
POWER
NO!
YOU CAN'T!
swish
WE CAN'T USE ELEC-TRIC-ITY...
OH, WAIT, THERE'S AN AMPLIFIER HERE!
OHHHHH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MUSIC ROOM?!
STOP!

SHUT UP,
YOU'RE ANNOY-ING!
STIFFEN
TE-
TEACH-ER!
!
SU-SUEYOSHI, THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
Bass needs to be plugged in!
shrug
I DIDN'T PLUG IN ANYTHING!
I'm a pianist today.
EMPTY-HEADED
KON!
THIS IS YOUR BRASS BAND, RIGHT?
WHAT'S GOING ON? EXPLAIN!

SO, ALL OF YOU ARE PARTNERS IN CRIME!
THE MOMENT YOU LET ME JOIN, YOU BROKE THE RULES, TOO.
LET'S RUN!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, SHUN!

...AWE-SOME!
SHUN---
...SWIFTLY CAUGHT THE PREY...

I WANT TO HOLD MANY LIVE PERFORMANCES...
...WITH THIS GROUP.
WHY DID I HAVE TO RUN?!
That's admitting to the crime!
SHUN, YOU-! DON'T TEMPT ME!
NOW, I'M THE ONLY TRAITOR, AREN'T I?!
BASH
OW!
WE DID IT
BUT,

...who the others are,
THAT'S ALL.
It doesn't matter...
what the rules are
nor what the principles are
Those things aren't important.
Just move forward...
NO OBJECTIONS

NOW, THEN,
LET'S ALL GO BACK TO GET YELLED AT!
Do I have to go too?
Huh?
AH!
GROOL
I'M HUNGRY...
LEAVE THAT KIND OF ISSUE FOR LATER!

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3rd Stage

Azusa...
...is watching
Hime's guitar.
Kon's drums begin to ring.

I...
Chuu's bass emits a sound
am singing
When I wake up

will all this still be...
...just a dream?
PART
SHUN, WAKE UP.
THE SUN IS UP ALREADY.

GETS
UP
GOOD MORNING!
YOUR ROOM WASN'T LOCKED!
A-
AZUSA?

I COULDN'T WAIT 'TIL SCHOOL TO SEE YOU, SO I CAME TO PICK YOU UP!
AFTER I SAW SHUN'S PERFORMANCE,
AND WENT HOME
I WAS AFRAID THAT THIS WOULD ALL BE JUST A DREAM,
WHAT'S WRONG?
SO I FELT INSECURE
WHEN I WAS BY MYSELF AT NIGHT,

I HAD

THE SAME FEELING

I am

Azusa

in

a band

made that

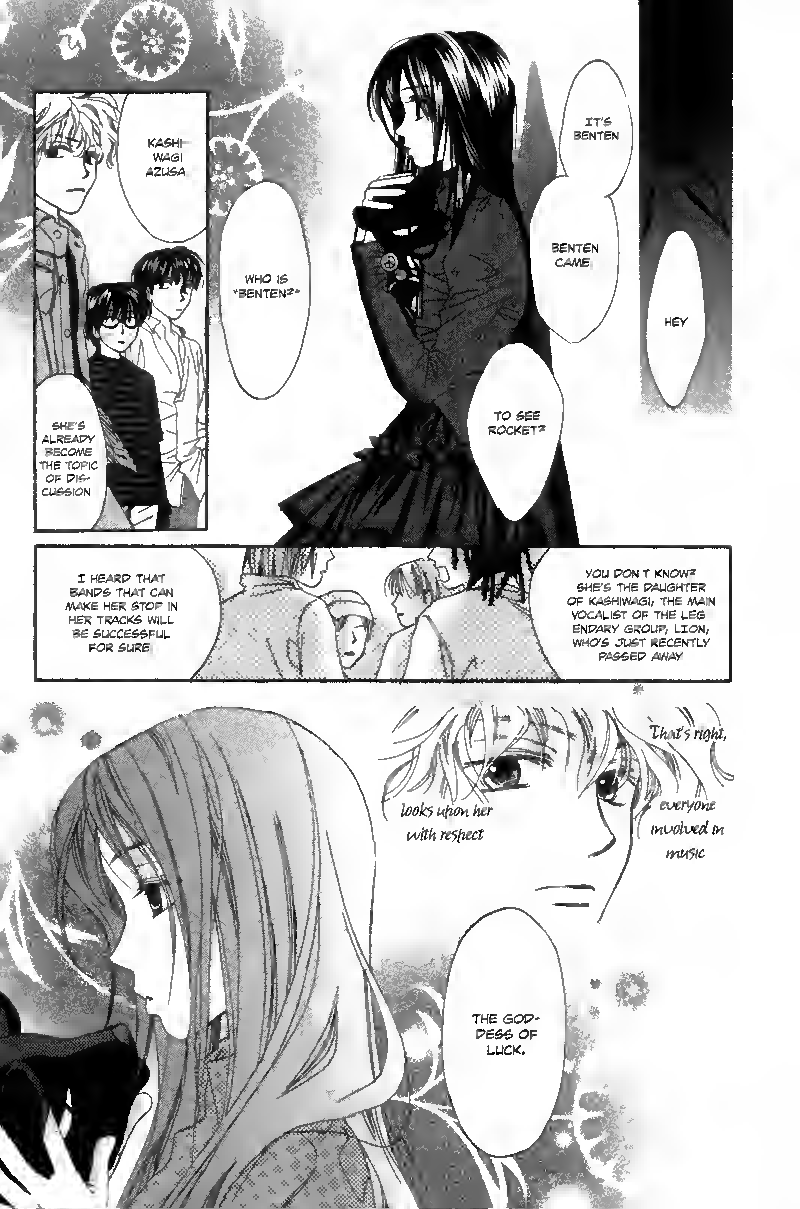
become reality

Your hair is so cute when it sticks up like that!

WHAT WERE THEY CALLED AGAIN? THE MOST POPULAR,
UNI-VERSE- FEELY NAME
Yoshi
EVEN THOUGH I'VE JOINED A BAND, I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THAT KIND OF PLACE, SO HIME AND THE OTHERS WANT TO TAKE ME THERE
IS THAT SO?
LIVE HOUSE?
ROCKET!
IF SHUN WANTS TO GO
...
YEAH! THAT'S IT!
THEY'RE GOING TO HOLD A "LIVE" THERE
WANT TO COME, AZUSA?

LIVE HOUSE HALL NUMBER 2
LIVE HOUSE HALL NUMB
THAT PERSON RIGHT THERE IS, OOISHI KEISUI,
ROCKET'S MAIN VOCALIST
AT THE MERE AGE OF 19,
HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LYRICS MELODY, AND GUITAR
ALTHOUGH THIS IS JUST A TYPICAL ONE-MAN BAND,
popular with the girls
VERY IMPRESSIVE
IN COMPARISON
HE ALONE CAN MAKE UP FOR THE WEAKNESSES OF THE OTHER MEMBERS
THEY ALREADY SEEM TO BE TALKING ABOUT GETTING A MAJOR DEBUT.

...HOW'S OUR MAIN VOCALIST?
AMA-ZING!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!
COME HERE AND LOOK!
BURIED BY THE CUSTOMERS
don't call me "Chuu"!
TO-MOR-ROW!
CHUU! CHUU!
LET'S PER-FORM TOO!
DON'T TALK ABOUT THE IMPOS SIBLE. CAN YOU GET THIS LARGE OF AN AUDIENCE BY TOMORROW?
Music! Lights! Crowds!
...
Impos-sible, hun?
THERE'S NO POINT IN THINKING ABOUT IT.
AS LONG AS I CAN HEAR SHUN SING, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE'RE IN A LIVE HOUSE OR NOT
Plus there's no guar-antees.


KASHIWAGI AZUSA
SHE'S ALREADY BECOME THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION
WHO IS "BENTEN?"
IT'S BENTEN
BENTEN CAME
HEY
TO SEE ROCKET?
I HEARD THAT BANDS THAT CAN MAKE HER STOP IN HER TRACKS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL FOR SURE
YOU DON'T KNOW? SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF KASHIWAGI, THE MAIN VOCALIST OF THE LEGENDARY GROUP, LION, WHO'S JUST RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
looks upon her with respect
That's right, everyone involved in music
THE GODDESS OF LUCK.

OH, BENTEN HAS FINALLY APPEARED?
celebrity
IT'S OVER! YOU GUYS, SCRAM!
waaa aaaah hhhh
I REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU, MY GODDESS
huh?

WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME TO SEE ME SING IN THE PAST?
I'VE ALREADY PREPARED
—TO MAKE YOU MINE.
YOU'RE STILL THE SAME CONFIDENT AS ALWAYS HUH, KEISUI?
Don't come any closer! Don't touch her! Go away, you low-handed asshole!
Azusa is not interested in you at all!
Ahhh!

*Sueyoshi happens to have the same kanji as "suekichi," something you get from the fortune telling machines meaning small luck
OH, WHAT? IT'S SUE-KICHI.
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?
SUE
KICHI?
THAT'S RIGHT!
SUEYOSHI TADASHI
Suekichi
YOU GUYS TALK TOO MUCH!
THAT ONE? THE ONE WHERE YOU CAN'T TELL IF IT'S GOOD LUCK OR NOT?
"SUEKICHI," IS THAT RIGHT? FROM FORTUNE TELLING.
SHE'S ALREADY SHUN'S.
I WON'T TALK ABOUT MYSELF FOR NOW
YUP!
YOU, WHO'S ALWAYS IN INCONSPICUOUS RANDS YOU, WHO IS ALWAYS INCONSPICUOUS,
BUT IF IT'S ABOUT SENTEN,
PROBABLY WON'T SEE THE DAY THE GODDESS DESCENDS FOR YOU FOR A WHILE!

twitch
SHUN?
WHAT?
IS THIS A JOKE?
NI-
a celebrity
NICE TO MEET YOU
a celebrity
WHERE DO YOU USUALLY PERFORM?
NO EXPERIENCE YET
BAND NAME?
UNDECIDED
sigh, and it's by this kind of
they're scolding
This kind of person?
we're being treated as a joke
HA!
THEN THIS DOESN'T COUNT AS A BAND AT ALL!
YOU'VE FINALLY FALLEN TO THIS LEVEL, SUEKICHI!
laugh, everyone!
SUEKICHI, YOU'RE IN A BAND WITH HIS KIND OF PERSON?
WHERE'S YOUR "LIVE"?
UNDECIDED

HUH?
WE'RE THE BEST!
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US!
WELL THEN, LET US HEAR YOU!
NEXT WEEK,
BY THEN, IF BENTEN CHOOSES YOU GUYS, WE'LL ACKNOWL-EDGE YOU.
WE'LL GIVE YOU ROOM FOR ONE SONG DURING OUR ONE-MAN SHOW.
BENTEN... AZUSA WILL CHOOSE US FOR SURE!
ABSO-LUTELY!

PUSH
BANG
ah
AH!
AZUSA?

Go to hell!
WA-
EXIT
WAIT, AZUSA!
SUE-KICHI,
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU GAVE US SOMETHING GOOD TO LOOK AT?
IF THIS KEEPS UP, YOU MIGHT BECOME "DAIKYUU," ISN'T THAT SO?

*Continuing with the fortune telling joke, "daikyuu" stands for the worst of luck.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!

Chiun

Sueyoshi Tadashi
B Scorpio
Blood type O

A pitiful person who isn't even called by the right name... I really like the sound of "Chiun." Because my assistant "Yuu-chan" mistakenly called him "Suekichi," he acquired another unlucky nickname in "Stage 3."

Now that there's a Benten, the fortune telling cannot be ignored. The assistants are my treasure chest of ideas. I've always appreciated them, though there are some ideas I can't use in shoujo mangas!

ARE WE FINALLY HAVING A MAJOR DEBUT IN THIS LIVE HOUSE?
the lucky
AN EXTREMELY RARE OPPORTUNITY HAS APPEARED!
THAT'S TO TAUNT US! FORGET IT!
IF WE PERFORM AFTER THE ROCKETS, THE FANS WILL KILL US!
AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A SONG! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO PERFORM?!
LET'S GO TO THE RECORDING ROOM!
IF IT'S A SONG YOU WANT...
MD
I HAVE IT!
TELL SHUN TO COME

WE'LL PROVE WE'RE THE BEST!
AZUSA, YOU ONLY NEED TO COME AND WATCH.
WAIT, AZUSA!
What are you expecting?
In this world,
there are clearly no gods!

SHUN!
WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?
TIME TO GO!
SHUN?
Fool!

Recording Room for Rent
2
THIS IS NO GOOD.
BIRDS THAT CAN'T FLY?
OS-TRICH,
corpse...
WE CAN'T REHEARSE,
SINCE THERE'S NO FALCON HERE, IT'S USELESS
exit
PEN-GUINS,
MOUN-TAINOUS WATER HEN!
THOUGH HIMENO-KUN'S MUSIC IS GREAT...

Kon

Kon Yukihito Dr
Scorpio Blood type A

Though you can't tell from his appearance he might just be the most objective member of the band. It might be because he's the drummer that supports in the back?
The supporting beam of the rock band! Rhythm team! (Drums & Bass) Though unfortunate and almost nonexistent you're still necessary!

about the size of the pain →

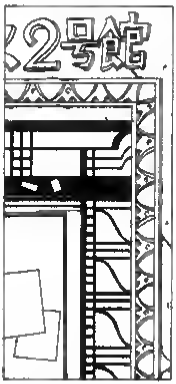
found these skeleton maracas at the Shimizu Town drum shop. Still weighs pretty good after putting things in there. To the one who tied a handkerchief with skull designs from Kyouto on the head as a hair style is that a bad habit?

I
THAT KON AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS BEING LOOKED DOWN ON
WAS REALLY UNHAPPY.
SO, I COULDN'T CONTROL MY ANGER
I REGRET IT SO MUCH...
THINKING THAT WE HAD AZUSA,
I EVEN THOUGHT WE'D WIN FOR SURE
I TREATED HER...
... AS "BENTEN."

I DON'T DESERVE TO SEE HER NOW
The skies in the east.
Clear.
CAPTAIN,
CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THERE'S A FALCON?
EAST SOUTH-EAST,
WILL THERE BE FALCONS?
AFTER YOU GUYS FOUGHT, WE CAN'T EVEN PRACTICE ANYMORE
Still unconfirmed.
IF YOU WANT TO SEE SHUN, JUST GO SEE HIM!

AZUSA,
IN THE PAST—
YOU'VE COME TO SEE MY "LIVES," RIGHT?
WITH THE FLIGHT SPEED OF 300KM PER HOUR, IT'S ALMOST UNREAL
FAL-CONS, HUH?
...
I don't remember anymore.

Live House Number 2



The outside of this building and the inside of this building that this author drew is mixed with different references! The door frame decorations from suburban pubs... should be like that. What I regret the most now is that I couldn't draw everything. Idiot!

Extravagant upholstery goose feathered sofas that people can sink in, watching the liquid motion of the disco ball light while being drunk in the moment of it all...

It's that feeling!

It should have been that kind of feeling!

Number 2 is for rock and roll only
Number 1 for jazz only
Number 3 for comedy groups only
I wonder what the bosses are like

IF I WANT TO LOOK, THERE'RE PLENTY OF BANDS OUT THERE...
IF THINGS AREN'T GOING WELL, THEN I CAN JUST GIVE UP
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT LIKE THIS
EVEN SO,
I STILL WANT TO CHOOSE THAT GUY

I DON'T CARE WHERE IT IS.
I JUST WANT TO HEAR THAT GUY'S VOICE
I WANT TO LET HIM SING
EVEN IF...
THE BASS PLAYER ISN'T ME
...WILL NOT SHINE IF IT ISN'T SHIN THAT'S SINGING.
YOUR BASS.

...til the day we meet
I can't wait
I want to hear...
...his voice
WAAAAHHH!
LIVEHOUSE

COM-
PLETELY
PACKED.
Keigo!
Waaaa
KEISUI'S POWER IS FAR MORE AMAZING THAN USUAL
waaaah
JUST RIGHT FOR OUR WARM-UP BAND
feh
AZUSA
IS THAT REALLY COMING FROM THE HEART, HIMENO?!
SHE'S NOT HERE, RIGHT?

EVERY-ONE!
OK! NOW YOU CAN GO EMBARRASS YOURSELVES IN THIS SEA OF "ENCORE"!
EVEN IF IT'S AS A JOKE, I CAN'T SAY THAT YOU GUYS HAVE GOTTEN BENTEN
Reiri
Didn't even explain the audience, either!
I want to run away
clap clap clap clap clap
SO THAT WAS YOUR MOTIVE AFTER ALL!
THE GODDESS OF LUCK BELONGS TO ME
YOU CAN HAVE THEM!
I WON'T GIVE HER TO ANYONE ELSE
THOSE GODS YOU SPEAK OF,

WE'RE THE BEST!
THERE'S NO NEED TO ASK THOSE THINGS TO LEND US STRENGTH
THAT'S RIGHT.

WOW, I KNEW IT.
Get off the stage!
LET'S GO HOME!
Who the hell are you guys?
Bone one
??
Hide your faces!
Call the Rockets, uh!
Boooo ooo
WALKS
none of my business
Bang
Can't pull it down!
FUMBLE FUMBLE
IT'S OKAY JUST PULL IT OFF THE STAND!
Ooh
?!

It
hurts
I KNEW YOU'D COME.
YO, AZUSA
INTER-ESTING, ISN'T IT?
HE GOT FRIGHTENED BY THE GUESTS.
HE'S SO SCARED! HE CAN'T LET HIS VOICE OUT ANYMORE!
HOW PITIFUL.

AHHH
AHHHHHH
HHHHHHH
HHH

GO!

THIS VOICE...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE GUITARIST IS NAMED "HIMENO."
I HEARD HE'S PLAYED PIANO BEFORE OR SOMETHING
HE CAME OUT FROM CLASSICAL MUSIC?
NO WONDER

THE SOUNDS ARE MADE FROM SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS MUSIC
THE DRUMMER'S...
...SENSITIVITY ISN'T BAD...
DO YOU KNOW...
"...SUEKICHI"'S PAST?
ALTHOUGH HIS SKILLS ARE GREAT,
HE'S AN UNLUCKY GUY WHO ALWAYS GETS MIXED UP WITH THOSE FRIVOLOUS BANDS
SO EVERYONE WAS ANTICIPATING
WHERE HE'D SETTLE ONE DAY

THE MAIN VOCALIST...
YOU GUYS LOOK
...WAS HE REALLY THAT TALL?
DREAM TEAM...

AZUSA!
I'LL BECOME GREATER.
FROM NOW ON, IT WON'T BE AT THIS SMALL PLACE,
BUT
SOME-WHERE BIGGER
...IS watching
Azusa...
IS smiling
SO, I NEED YOU.

LOOK AT ME!
There won't ever be a happy event like this
huff
huff

Silence
NO
we're obviously done.
...REAC-TION
...?
FAILURE?

I PROM-
ISE YOU.
I...

...WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY.
HUH
AH
TO CELEBRATE?
LET'S GO.
IDIOT.
TO PRACTICE.

SUE-KICHI!
I KNEW I LIKED YOU AFTER ALL!
IS IT OVER?
STUNG!
AMAZ-ING!
WHAT WAS THAT SONG?

WHEN'S THE NEXT LIVE?
Let go of her!
DAMN! BENTEN BELONGS TO EVERY-ONE!
PER-FORM MORE!
Suekichi

ERASED THE BAD RECORD?
Grab
Ish
RE-TREAT!
WHAT'S THE BAND'S NAME?
TRESPASS

IT'S HAYA-BUSA!
REMEMBER IT!

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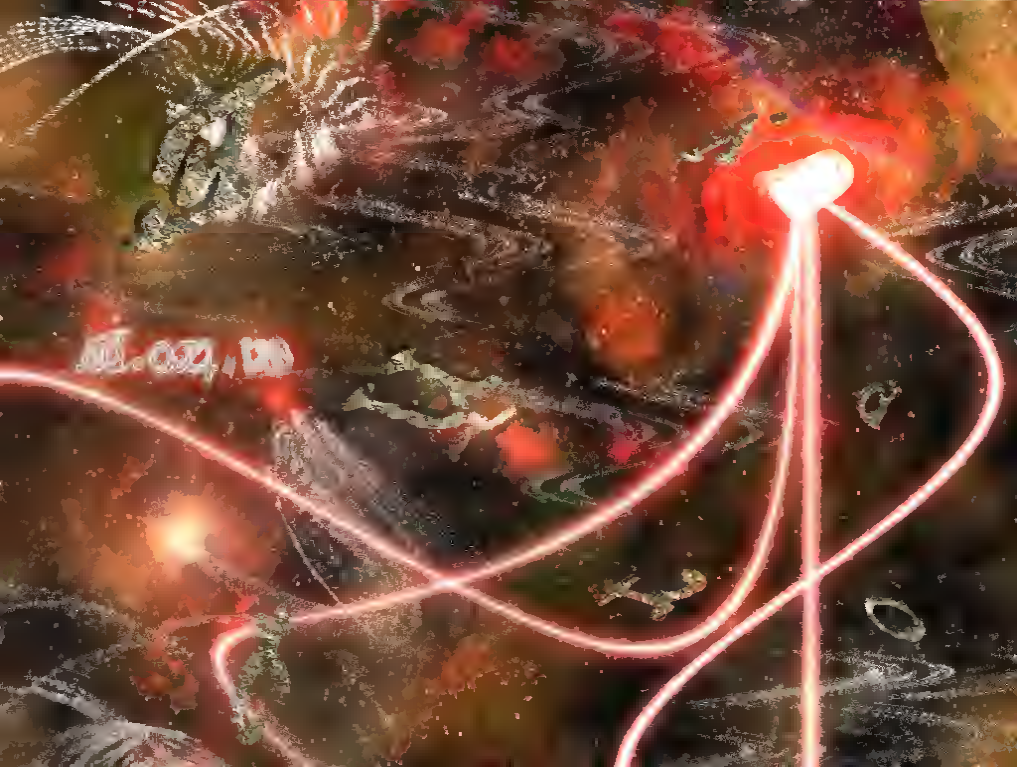

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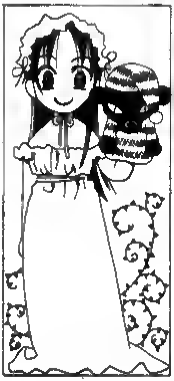
HOTEL...
...EVERY-BODY!
Hayabusa
STILL ALIVE, FOOL-ISH PEAS-ANTS?
Middle schooler
WHO CARES!
YOU NEED TO GO TO SCHOOL!
High schooler
KEISUI?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHY AREN'T YOU AT SCHOOL?
So extravagant!
How cool!
What's that?

...ARE HOLDING A LIVE!
PUT AWAY SOME TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!
THE ROCKETS AND HAYABUSA...

Hayabusa vol 1
Chapter 4
集樂團
ハヤブサ
Final Stage

GOOD LUCK IS UP TO YOU TO MAKE AND CREATE, OKAY!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I FEEL LIKE WE USED UP ALL OF OUR LUCK LAST TIME
WE DON'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR THE ACTUAL ABILITY TO PERFORM ALONGSIDE POPULAR BANDS
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE, KOU
THEY'VE ACKNOWLEDGED US.
NICELY SAID, HIME!
BUT WE WERE ASKED TO PERFORM THAT MEANS—
WE'LL PROVE WHICH ONE OF US IS BETTER!
THIS TIME, UNDER THE SAME LIMITATIONS AND THE SAME CONDITIONS,
STILL not admitting the loss?
His ATTITUDE TOWARDS US IMPROVED.
MORE TO STRUCK OF DATE: SHARED TIME

Hayabusa Princess



This is what my pajamas look like. The regular addition to the manga.

Every time I get a nice page number limit, I just can't help wanting to fix up something to play with. I want as much aggressiveness as possible so I try to let the characters be aggressive in their personalities. It's a very classic plot. At first I thought it'd be easy but my hands are now busted from doing something it's not used to (overly dramatic). I've moved into an animagenable realm.

Azusa,
I'll dress up as Santa Claus. How does that sound to you?
We should be dressed up if we're going to do a "live."
GREAT! WHAT SHOULD I WEAR THERE?
AZUSA!

SHOVE
CLICK CLICK
DON'T TOUCH MY GIRL-FRIEND.
SHUN SHOULD TOUCH ME MORE, TOO!
You only respond at times like this.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
OH, SO YOU'RE HERE PRO-TAGONIST
IF YOU'RE UN-SATISFIED WITH SOME THING JUST SAY SO.
THIS GUY GOT SICK, SO HE CAN'T MAKE ANY SOUNDS
I'M SICK. MY VOICE...
HE'S BEEN USING PEN COMMU-NICATION SINCE THIS MORNING-

...JUST LET ME WAIT!!
UNTIL THE START...
WE STILL HAVE TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE CONCERT!
SINCE OUR PERFORMANCE WAS DEPENDANT ON SHUN, WE NOW NEED TO RELY ON THE POWER OF OUR PRESENCE RIGHT?
It's almost here!
...THE CONCERT...
BUT OUR MAIN VOCAL IS VOICE
IT'S BETTER TO PRACTICE, RIGHT? PLUS, WE DON'T HAVE A COMPLETE SONG YET!
LET'S PRACTICE.
A CONCERT, HUH? I REALLY WANT TO HOLD ONE!
I REALLY WANT TO SING AT A LIVE!
MOST POPULAR VOCALIST
THE LOCAL AREA'S
LET ME SING THEN!
...!
HUH?
WANT TO TRY WORKING TOGETHER?
Oh! Awesome! Awesome!
WELL THEN, LET'S HAVE YOU SING AT THE PERFORMANCE, TOO!
AH, THIS IDEA ISN'T BAD.
Sounds fun!
WAIT!

DON'T FOLLOW US.
You're serve it
WE DON'T WANT TO CATCH WHAT YOU HAVE.
Don't follow us.
I'm the doctor! Stop now!
The body temperature is rising drastically! Captain! It's going to be dangerous if this keeps up!
You must be taken care of now!
I WANT TO GO
LET'S GO TO YOUR ROOM TO PLAY DOCTOR!
NOW, NOW DON'T BE SPOILED
!
Kiss

Ladies, gentlemen, dear sister, all editors, and you, who is reading this book! We shall meet again somewhere else someday

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I await everyone's thoughts!

LIVE HOUSE & GODDESS, BENTEN,
IS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TODAY
Not bad!
As you wish
Let's go! Let's go!
Defeated
IT WOULD SEEM SO?
IF YOU HAVE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, FIRST LET ME DO IT!
LION'S ALBUM'S SONGS ARE LOVE SONGS
PLEASE FAST WORDS!
...38 DEGREES
THIS...
THIS CAT'S BODY TEMPERATURE IS...
I dreamt of meeting Benten
A FAKE VOICE MIGHT BE VERY STYLISH, TOO
WAS WRITTEN BY THAT GUY?
HE IS USING THE SEVEN-FIFTH KEY...
TO RHYME

NO PAJA-MAS...
Rations, none.
Clean clothes...
Fuel, zero.
What is this guy's life support system made of?!
No wonder he get sick!
DOES HE SLEEP NAKED?
EH? THEN WHAT DOES HE WEAR WHEN HE SLEEPS?
WHEEZE
HR
Though he can live OK by himself...
he should at least take some medicine
PRAC
TES
(practice)

COUGH
COUGH
How embarrassing
Already...!
OH...
I can't make any...
sounds
Why now?
I don't want to be...
...abandoned again.
EH...
COUGH

...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
SHUN...
I CAN'T HEAR YOU
Wheeze
Wheeze
d
ose
Ah

Dad?
Did he go out?
A-
AZUSA
AZUSA?
Oh, no.
FLIP
I have to leave right now

Dad...
The reason he abandoned me..
..was because I need to go to school
Dad draws happiness from traveling
He's never done anything father-like
Up until my relatives reminded him I didn't even go to elementary school that often
I like my dad the way he is
he'd still silently watched over the things I did
Yet even so..

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF NOW!
Where are you going this time?
Dad
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
...go with you
I want to
SHUN!

IT'S GOING TO STOP SOON, ANYWAYS!
AH!
IT'S SNOW
I have to sing
IT'S RARE TO SEE IT AT THIS TIME OF YEAR
I can't afford to not go
...I'll disap-hear.
If I don't sing...

When that happened...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
...what did my dad say?
Hime...

JUST IN TIME
FLOP
DROP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
NEW SONG

KAWA-CHI-KUN!
Eh?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
Aren't you cold?
I KNOW!
YOU MUST BE MEETING HERE WITH KASHIWAGI-KUN!
AH,
IT'S OKAY IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY IT OUT LOUD
I BOUGHT SOME ICE CREAM ON THE WAY BACK
YOU AND KASHIWAGI-KUN CAN EAT IT.
I GUESS YOU SHOULDN'T BE EATING ICE CREAM IN THIS KIND OF COLD WEATHER, THOUGH.
BUT, KAWA-CHI-KUN,
DON'T YOU HAVE A CD PLAYER?
WHAT IS THAT CD?

WANT TO
USE THIS?
THAT GREEN JACKET...
I THINK I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE
AH, WHATEVER
GO HOME EARLY.
HUH.
You need to protect your throat!
THIS, TOO
WRAP
WRAP

WANNA GO PLAY?
HOW ABOUT KARAOKE!
OR THE ARCADE!
WHAT IS WITH YOU?!
SO IN THE END, THIS IS THE TYPE I LIKE!
I'll have moist eyes because of a fever is against the rules!
OR, LET'S GO GRAB SOME-THING TO EAT

The lyrics...
WHAT IS THIS?
Ah!
WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?
THAT GUY'S MUSIC?
HEY
SINCE YOU HAVE THE MUSIC, WHY DON'T YOU FILL IN THE LYRICS?
THAT'S YOUR HOMEWORK

I can see the blue sky
Everyone...
what are they coming here for?

YOU LOOK LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE.
DRUGSTORE
KAWACHI SHUN,
HAS REVIVED!
Shine
IS THAT SO=
AH

I'VE COME ...TO TURN IN MY HOME-WORK!
WHAT IS THIS?
HUH?
IT'S WHAT YOU ASKED FOR!
YOU WANTED ME TO FILL IN LYRICS FOR HIME'S SONG!
OHHHH, SO, EVERYONE DID GO VISIT KAWACHI-KUN THAT DAY.
When...
HE HE HE HE HE
Everyone is already Shun's slave!
THESE ARE GREAT LYRICS
Someone think of a way to get rid of this fear!
Isn't that right? I'm right, aren't I?
Can't go on living without Shun.

THE LYRICS
RESONATE WITH THE MELODY
I guess I can...
Cece is
feel slightly proud of myself

LIVE HOUSE
Today's Performances
Rocket Headhouse
Open 17:00
Start 19:00
Live House Hell Heaven
HELLO, MEMBERS OF HAYABUSA
Wau...
KASHI!
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU GUYS NEXT
IT'S SO HARD TO PERFORM AFTER THE ROCKETS
Wahhhh~
I don't want to go out there now!
WHAT A GREAT APPLAUSE
NO!

HA-YA-BU-SA!
Of course they are
THEY'RE CALLING FOR HAYA-BUSA
HA-YA-BU-SA!
IF ONLY SHUN'S DAD, WHO'S STILL MISSING...
I COULD HEAR THIS, TOO
Shun,
I can't hear you!

AZUSA!
WHAT?
AZUSA!
AZUSA!!
AZUSA,
AZUSA!!
Loud enough for you to hear
WHAT IS IT?
YES?
Just like that
AZUSA!!

Listen
to my
wish!

YOU NEED TO LISTEN!
OKAY!
SHUN, TIME TO GO!
LET TODAY'S AUDIENCE BECOME YOUR SLAVES, TOO!

No matter where,
the message should be able to carry through!

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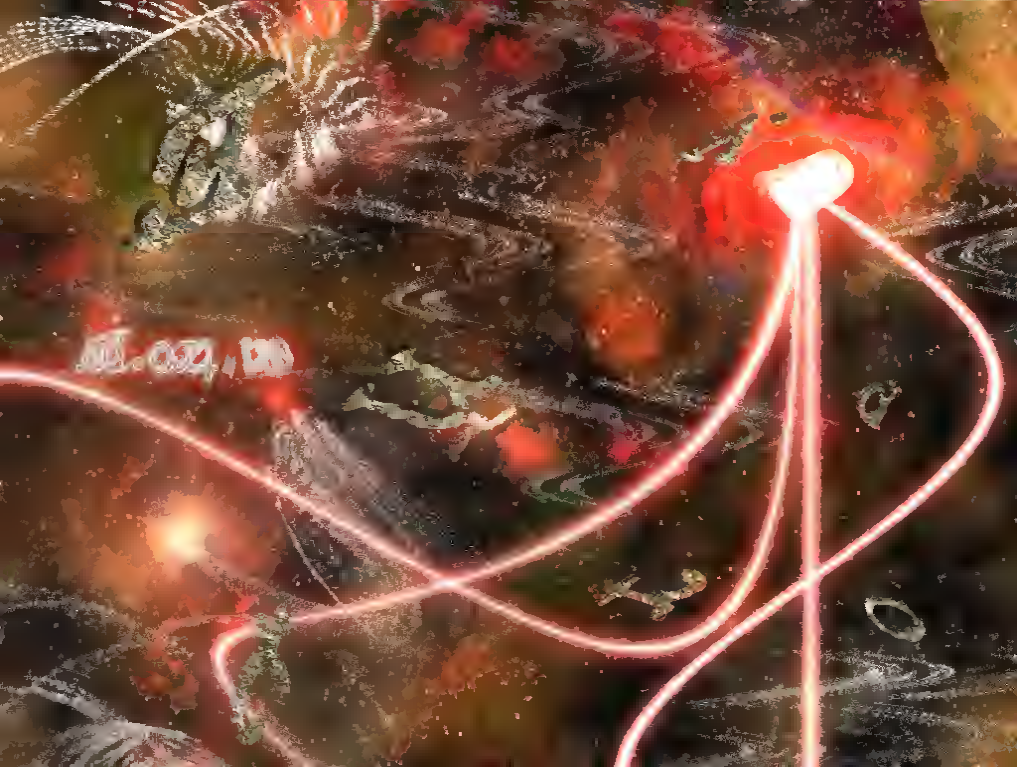

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Hayabusa Princess

In this place, there was a princess who fell into a deep sleep because of the pain caused by her father's death.
None of the doctors and scholars, no matter how skilled they were, could find a way to wake her up.
A young man...
...fell in love at first sight with the Princess in the portrait.

In this country, everyone is a gag character
THIS WILL BE ON THE TEST.
Teacher, you're wrong
You're the worst!
I like flipping skirts.
In a country where only the truly brave souls can become an eight-head height character,
many young souls fight for it frantically, training day and night.
DE POSIT IT
Scamming
Hehehehehe~
PC
Or hacking!
One day..
I WANT TO GO SAVE THE PRINCESS!
So, you could do that, too!
PC
START
Everyone was inspired by the decision.
Oh, you guys don't have to come, really
No, me!
Me first!
I'll do it!
..the young man decided to go on a trip.

However, the castle they arrived at looked as if it were politely rejecting visitors
The four walked across prairies and climbed over mountains
Sometimes they fought, too
There was no place where they could squeeze through
WHAT IS THIS?!
It was surrounded by thorns above their height
Meanwhile
But, the young man wanted to see the Princess no matter what, so he couldn't give up
The companions gave up pretty quickly, and decided to go home
I don't like to get hurt
Too much hassle

GRAB ONTO THIS!
It can't be!
...he unbelievably caught the falcon flying in the sky
they saw an illusion
For a moment,
EIGHT-HEAD HEIGHT...
It was good that they could fly, but they couldn't breathe because of the wind pressure
LET GO OF ME!
AH!
But, now is not the time to think those kinds of things
However, the peregrine falcon's flying speed was just like that of a jet
Finally free from certain death, they landed in the castle
HA!
HA!
WHEEL!
WHEEL!

The Princess, just as beautiful as she was in the portrait, lay in the bed.
The young man, because he was so happy...
...kissed the princess.
In the end,
wasn't the princess who had been in a deep sleep, awake now, just like this?

Mirrored in those two wide-open eyes...
...were the glimmering eyes.
—of an eight-head height young man
And those two lived happily ever after
I guess just hanging along doesn't work after all
What about us.

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